

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Claim 11 has been amended to remove reference to propyleneoxy. Claims 20 and 21 have been canceled. No new matter is believed to have been added to the present application by the amendments submitted above.

REMARKS

Claims 11, 14-19, 22 and 24-30 are pending. Applicants would like to thank Examiner Mruk for indicating that Claims 15-21 are allowed. Favorable reconsideration of the remaining claims is respectfully requested.

The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) or §103(a) over Hoffarth et al. is respectfully traversed. Hoffarth et al. fail to disclose or suggest the claimed composition.

Hoffarth et al. disclose alkoxylates of general formula (Ic), in which a R<sup>1</sup>-radical is alkoxylated with 1 to 10 units of propylene oxide, followed by 1 to units of ethylene oxide. See column 1, line 45 to column 2, line 19.

In contrast, in the claimed composition, the group A is buteneoxy. As specified in Claim 11, the 2-propyl-heptanol radical is alkoxylated with 1 to 1.8 butenoxy units followed by 3 to 14 ethyleneoxy units.

Hoffarth et al. fail to disclose such an alkoxylate. In addition, there is no suggestion in the reference for the alkoxylate specified in Claim 11.

In view of the foregoing, the claimed composition is neither disclosed nor suggested by Hoffarth et al. Accordingly, the pending claims are not anticipated by or obvious over that reference. Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

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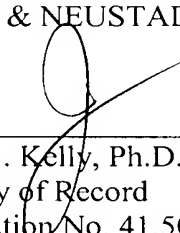
Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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